related documents were being handed over to a Pakistani national, on the night of 12th/13th March, 1997 at the Indo-Pakistan border, one Army Naik (not an officer) and five civilian suspects including the Pakistani national have been arrested.

Further investigations are in progress, and action will be taken in accordance with the law.

[Translation]

Drinking Water

5636. JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA :
SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ :
SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR :

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have ascertained the number of villages facing the problem of potable water;

(b) if so, the number of such villages during 1990-91 and at the end of 1995-96, State-wise;

(c) the number of villages where arrangements for potable water was made during Eighth Five Year Plan;

(d) the minimum and maximum distance for the consumers from the source of water under this potable water supply arrangement; and

(e) the final target date fixed by the Government to get potable water problem resolved in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Information is given in the attached statement.

(c) Safe drinking water facilities were provided in 103711 'Not Covered' (NC) and 208925 Partially Covered (PC) habitations during the Eighth Five Year Plan (1992-93 to 1996-97 upto Feb'97).

(d) As per norms, safe drinking water sources are provided within 1.6 Kms. in the plains and 100 meters elevation difference in the hilly areas.

(e) It is proposed to provide Safe drinking water at the level of 40 LPCO to all the habitations by 2000 A.D.

Statement

Sl. No.	State/UT	No. of problem villages (PVs) as on 31.3.1991	No. of Not covered (NC) habitations as on 31.3.1997
1	2	3	4
1.	Andhra Pradesh	0	0
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	880
3.	Assam	88	11560
4.	Bihar	7	8375
5.	Goa	0	50
6.	Gujarat	52	717
7.	Haryana	75	0
8.	Himachal Pradesh	797	5086
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	662	743
10.	Karnataka	0	4200
11.	Kerala	0	863
12.	Madhya Pradesh	83	5724
13.	Maharashtra	42	22
14.	Manipur	0	391
15.	Meghalaya	1015	860
16.	Mizoram	0	12
17.	Nagaland	19	354
18.	Orissa	1101	7417
19.	Punjab	784	5403
20.	Rajasthan	139	11597
21.	Sikkim	0	0
22.	Tamil Nadu	0	154
23.	Tripura	10	232
24.	Uttar Pradesh	449	9295
25.	West Bengal	0	0
26.	A & N Island	0	11
27.	Chandigarh	0	0

1	2	3	4
28.	D & N HAveli	0	128
29.	Daman & Diu	0	0
30.	Delhi	0	0
31.	Lakshadweep	0	0
32.	Pondicherry	0	0
	Total	5323*	74073**

* Out of 161722 problem Villages (PVs) identify in 1985 Survey.

** Status based on coverage of Not Covered habitations identify during 1994 validated survey.

Expansion of Water Ways

5637. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ :
SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI :

Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have formulated any new schemes for the expansion of waterways in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these schemes are likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) to (c) The development of Waterways is an ongoing process. Based on the recommendations of the Working Group for IWT sector, the Ninth Five Year Plan proposals have been formulated for the development of the Inland Water Transport which include ongoing schemes and new schemes. The following waterways have been identified for declaration as National Waterways subject to Techno-Economic Feasibility and availability of resources :-

(i) The Sunderbans

(ii) The Godavari

(iii) D.V.C. Canal

(iv) The Mahanadi

(v) The Mandovi, Zuari rivers and Cumberjua canal in Goa.

(vi) The Narmada

(vii) Barak

(viii) East Coast Canal

(ix) Kakinada-Madras Canal

No time frame can be indicated at this stage.

[English]

World Bank Aid for AIDS

5638. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH BHATI :
SHRI RAJENDRA AGNIHOTRI :
SHRI L. RAMANA :
DR. Y.S. RAJA SEKHARA REDDY :
SHRI VIJAY GOEL :
SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY :
KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIYA :
SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA :
SHRI G.A. CHARAN REDDY :
SHRI BHAKTA CHARAN DAS :
SHRI JAGAT VIR SINGH DRONA :
SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV :
SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN :
SHRI B.L. SHANKAR :
SHRIMATI GEETA MUKHERJEE :
SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the dreaded disease AIDS and HIV infected cases are growing at an alarming rate and the World Bank aid of Rs. 100 Million remain only half spent at the end of Five Years span for the contemplated AIDS prevantion and control programme; and

(b) if so, the main reasons for such heavy under utilisation of World aid committed for the scheme, indicating the precise details of the contamplated scheme and how far it remained unimplemented ?

THE MINISTER OF TAXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) : (a) and (b) In 1986 only 18 HIV positive cases were reported, whereas 52.802 HIV positive cases have been reported till 31st March, 1997. HIV/AIDS cases have now been reported from all States and Union Territories.

A comprehensive scheme for the preventation and control of HIV/AIDS in India was launched in September, 1992 with World Bank credit of US $ 84 million. The approved scheme involved an expenditure of Rs. 222.6 crores for period 1992-97. The actual expenditure on